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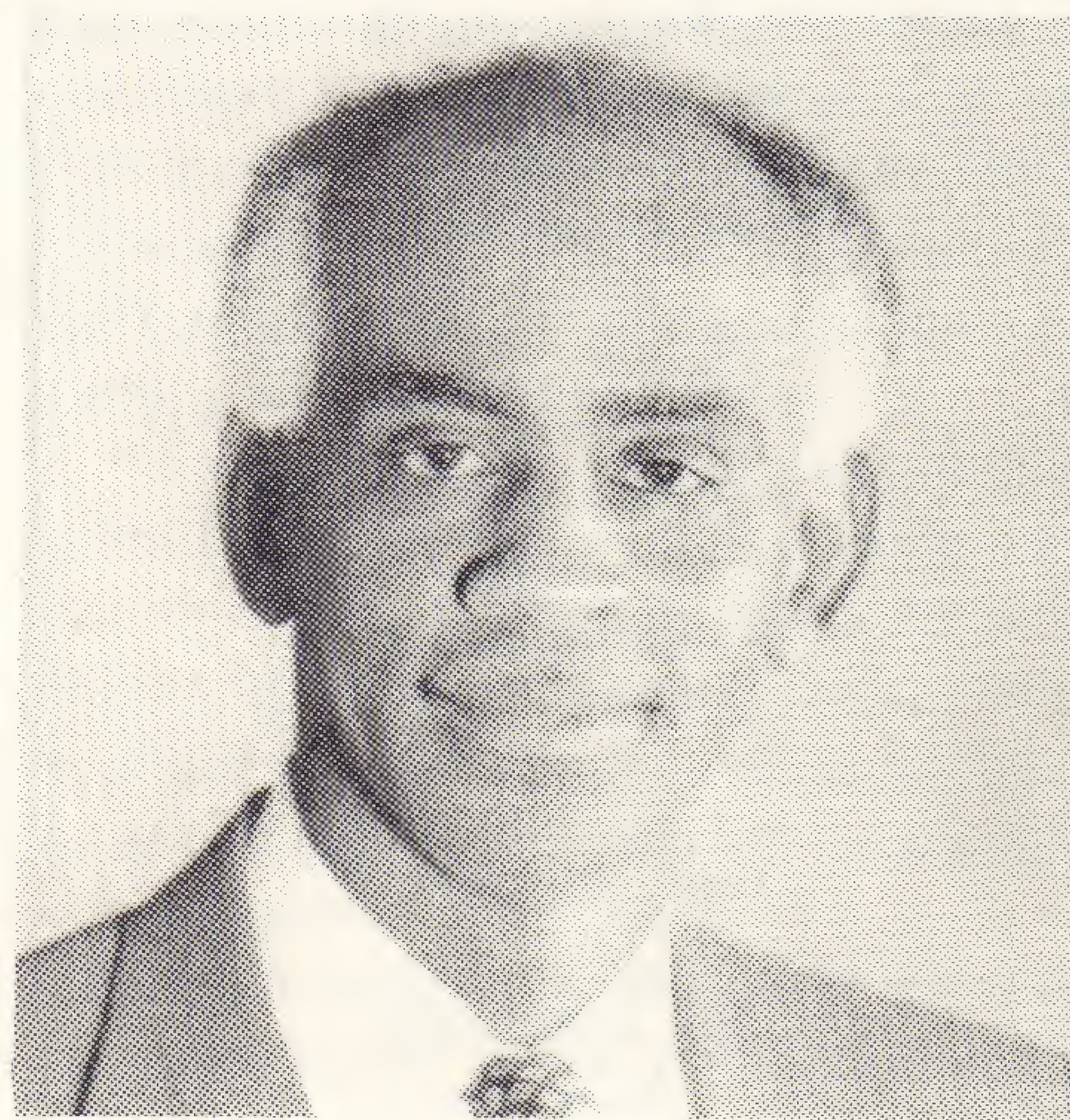
# Journal

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## *A Message from the President*

*Dr. Perry W. Ward*



*Greetings to all Personnel of the Two-Year College System,*

*Several years ago, the acronym TQM began to surface and to become quite visible in many business and industry publications. Since then, the Total Quality Management movement has become very popular in higher education. Many tools and techniques used by TQM gurus have been adopted for use in two-year colleges and senior institutions. Colleges and universities have learned what the corporate world has known for years--quality counts. The ultimate challenge is to relate the TQM philosophies to the special needs of an academic environment.*

*Consequently, the Executive Committee of ACA, which has been hard at work planning the agenda for the 1993 Association meetings, has elected to focus on "Continuous Quality Improvement, An Understanding for Two-Year Colleges" for this year's theme. We actively solicit your input and support in assuring that this will be one of our best professional development conferences to date. The workshop, we believe, is very timely and will be filled with speakers and information to assist us in improving our quality and productivity. More information will be available on this subject in our conference publication in early October. Have a good summer and I will see you in November for our fall conference in Birmingham at the Sheraton Civic Center.*

*Perry W. Ward*



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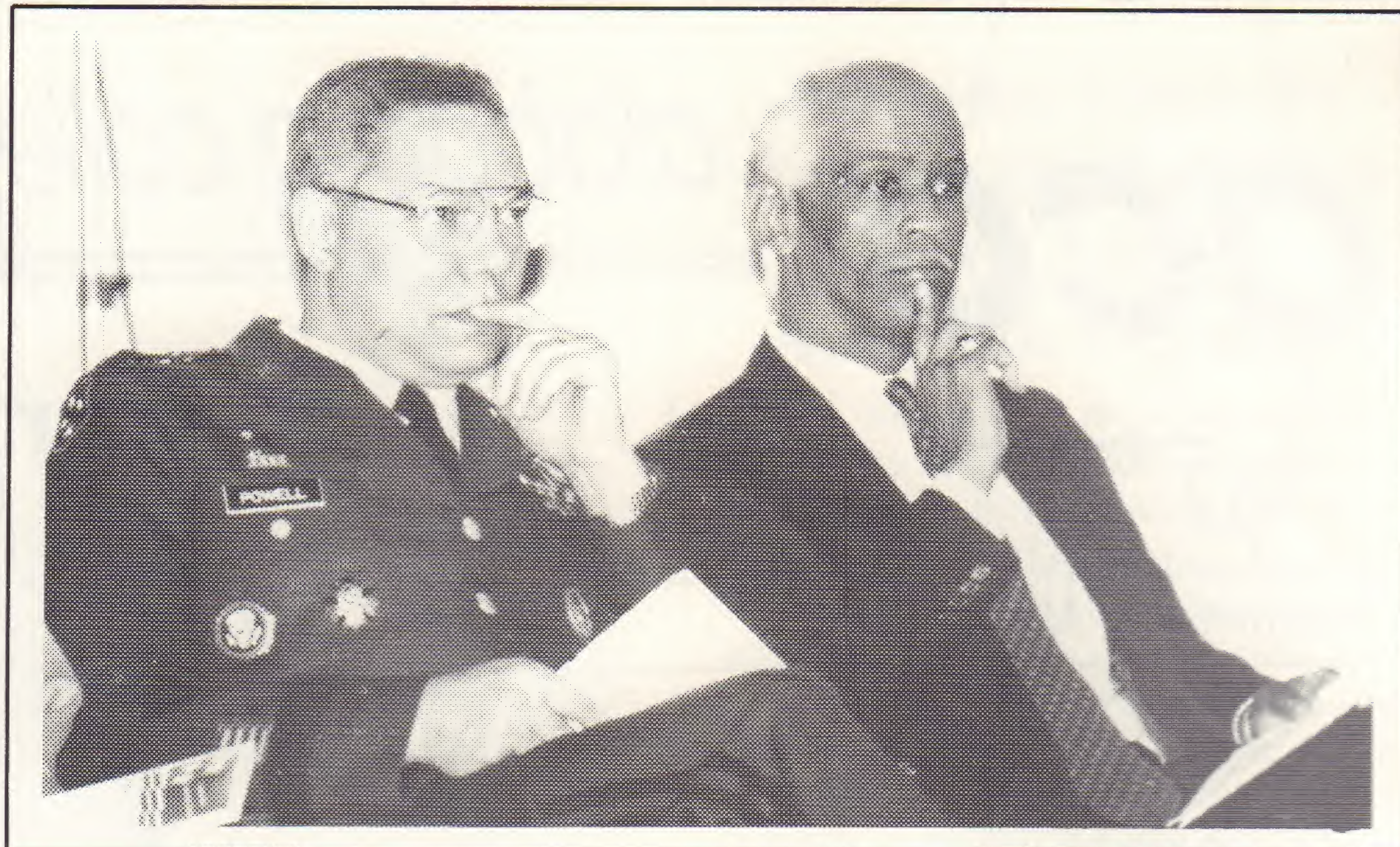
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## General Colin Powell Visits Lawson State Community College

General Colin L. Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the speaker for Spring Convocation at Lawson State Community College.

Speaking before a crowd of thousands, General Powell offered a most inspiring and encouraging speech. Reflecting upon different periods in his present and formative years, General Powell said that he always knew the key to getting ahead would require a good education, hard work and a commitment to excellence. "There were those who sacrificed so that we might better ourselves," he said, and "we must build upon the heritage left by the previous generation and never, ever, be ashamed of being African-American."

Powell was presented with a Lawson State jogging suit and cap from the SGA President, Bernadette Jones, and he also received a plaque from Lawson State President, Dr. Perry W. Ward.

The visit included a reception in his honor and a media opportunity, in which the majority of the questions focused on the list of suggested base closings, especially Fort McClellan in Anniston and the Navy's homeport in Mobile.

General Powell is married to the former Alma Vivian Johnson, a native of Birmingham, and they have three children. He is also brother-in-law to Ms. Barbara Greene, Director of Library Services at Lawson State.

## ACA Conference

November 21 -23, 1993

Sheraton Civic Center, Birmingham, AL

### Registration Fees

\$40.00 Postmarked by November 8, 1993

\$50.00 Late Registration (After November 8, 1993)

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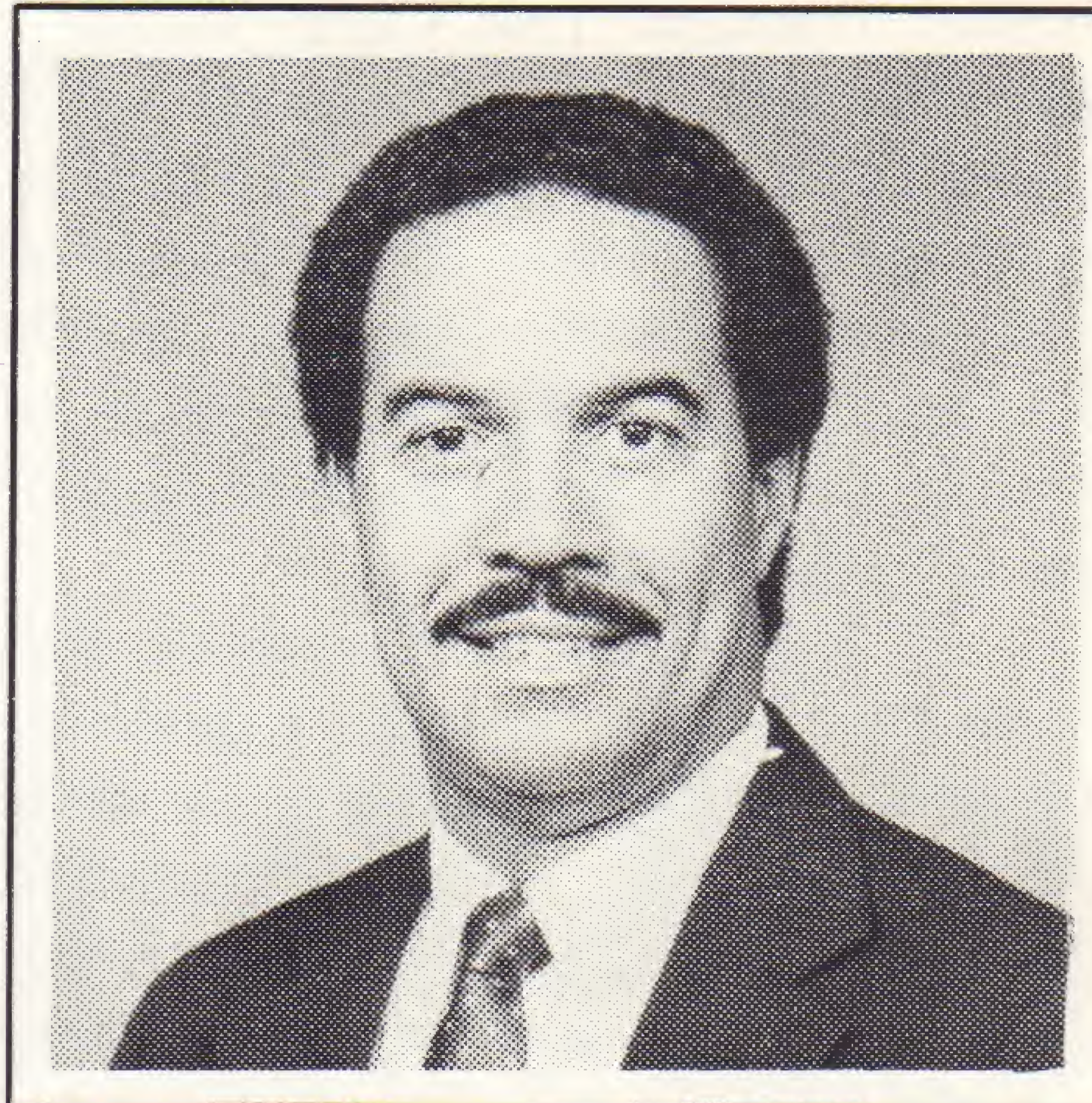


## Shoals Community College's Basketball and Baseball Teams Excel in AJCC Conference

The Shoals Community College "Stallions" basketball team in their third year of competition, won the northern Division of the AJCC Conference with a division record of 10-2 and an overall record of 23-5. They won their first game in the state tournament over host Faulkner State before losing to undefeated Chattahoochee Valley. The final record of 24-6 is a school record for most wins. The head basketball coach, Glen Elmore, is assisted by Bruce Hamilton.

The baseball team of Shoals Community College, in their first year of competition, duplicated the feat of the basketball team by also winning the northern Division of the AJCC Conference with a division record of 19-3 and an overall record of 36-4. This qualified the team for the state tournament held in Huntsville at Joe Davis Stadium. The fine record of the "Stallions" enabled them to climb to third in the national rankings. The head coach, Mark Lee, is assisted by Tommy Jackson.

The athletic director for Shoals Community College is Bob James. Coach James is assisted by Bill Whitlock.



### Kuzmicic Named Calhoun Dean

Calhoun Community College President Dr. Richard G. Carpenter has announced the appointment of Dr. Jorge E. Kuzmicic as the college's new Dean of Instruction.

Kuzmicic, most recently associate dean of instruction at Calhoun, succeeds Dr. Alice Villadsen as the college's chief academic officer. Ms. Villadsen left the college in March to assume the position of vice president for instruction at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina.

With over 22 years of experience in the community college arena, Kuzmicic brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position. As a full-time employee of Calhoun since 1971, Kuzmicic served as instructor in the Division of Social

Sciences from 1971-82, as chairman of the Social Science Division from 1982-90, and as associate dean of instruction since April 1990.

As Calhoun's chief academic officer, Kuzmicic will be responsible for providing vision and leadership in the instructional area. Among his duties will be supervising and overseeing all instructional activities of the college's three campuses and program at the Limestone Correctional Facility; developing and monitoring the annual instructional budget of \$10 million; supervising over 350 full-time and part-time faculty of the college; serving as instructional liaison between the college and state and local agencies, businesses, industries and other departments; and developing and recommending institutional policies regarding the instructional arena.

A graduate of Oakwood College with a bachelors' degree in psychology and history, Kuzmicic also holds a masters' degree in personnel administration from Alabama A&M University and a doctorate degree in human development counseling from Vanderbilt University.

Among his professional activities are participation in the 1992 Professional Administrators Development institute (PADI), sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges; treasurer of the Alabama Deans' Association for Junior and Community College Chairpersons; and a frequent member of re-accreditation review teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Jackson Named Culinary Apprentice of the Year



Todd Jackson, a third-year apprentice in the Culinary Arts program at Jefferson State, has been named Culinary Apprentice of the Year by the Birmingham Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. As recipient of this award, Jackson will attend the American Culinary Federation national convention in Orlando in July. There he will attend advanced seminars on culinary arts and mingle with some of the nation's most accomplished chefs.

According to Janie Greene, director for Jefferson State's culinary program, Jackson has helped prepare foods for many

school functions and has consistently participated in Culinary Federation activities. "Todd has demonstrated outstanding leadership in our program and is always willing to help with any project. He has done an exemplary job this year coordinating the monthly Dialogue Days/Pinson Valley Association breakfasts on campus."

Jackson is scheduled to graduate at the end of the summer. At present, he is working as an apprentice at Vestavia Hills Country Club and eventually hopes to become an executive chef.





## Calhoun Student Selected as Tops in Nation

In the fifth year of national competition to identify the country's top two-year college students, a Calhoun Community College student has once again been recognized as one of the best students in the nation.

Cynthia Faye Holden, a sophomore pre-med/chemistry major at Calhoun, was selected to the prestigious and coveted Academic All-American First Team for Community, Technical and Junior College Students, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa International Honorary Fraternity, *USA TODAY* and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Cynthia was chosen from among hundreds of students representing the more than 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges around the country.

As a member of the Academic All-American First-Team, Cynthia joins 19 other first-team members selected by a panel of independent judges who reviewed nomination materials submitted by two-year college presidents from across the country. After many months of review, which was based on students academic and extracurricular accomplishments, faculty recommendation, and personal essays, the First-Team students were announced April 29 by *USA*

*TODAY* President Tom Curley during a special awards event at the annual AACC convention in Portland, Oregon. As a First-Team member, Cynthia received a \$2,500 cash award, a special trophy and national publicity through biographical features including all 20 team members in the April 29 issue of *USA TODAY*.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holden of Madison, Alabama, Cynthia is a graduate of Bob Jones High School, where she participated in Calhoun's Accelerated High Student Program in 1988. An outstanding academic achiever, she has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, the National Dean's List, and consistently has been listed on the President's List and Dean's List at Calhoun. This year, Cynthia was also recognized as one of Calhoun's Ten Most Outstanding Students.

The recipient of the National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award for 1991-92 and 1992-93, she also was awarded the Betsy J. Cantrell Memorial Scholarship at Calhoun for outstanding leadership last year. Cynthia was recently awarded a \$3,000, two-year Honors Scholarship to UAB and has been accepted to the Creighton University of Medicine Summer Research Training Program.

Her activities at Calhoun include serving as President of the Black Student Alliance (BSA), a member of the BSA Student Choir, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and a Warhawk Hostess. She served as mistress of ceremonies for Calhoun's 1993 Martin Luther King Observance and participated in several activities at the college in recognition of Black History Month. She has twice been elected to the college's Homecoming Court and has been recognized by her fellow students by being named to the court of the Miss Merry Christmas Pageant at Calhoun.

Cynthia's recognition as one of the nations' top two-year college students marks the fourth time a Calhoun student has received this distinction. Other Calhoun receiving this award include Todd Fentress (1989), Kelley Cain (1991), and Sharon Owens (1992). These honors clearly demonstrate the outstanding accomplishments of Calhoun students.

## Shoals College Implements Telephone Registration

On February 17, 1993, Shoals Community College became the first college in the Alabama College System to implement voice (telephone) registration. After meeting with advisors to obtain course approval and to pick up personal identification numbers (PIN), nearly 800 students registered from their home or work telephones during the two-day piloting of the new system.

Because of the complexities involved in the implementation of such a system, SCC is using a three quarter phase-in process. During the spring quarter, students were able to use their touch-tone telephones to register for classes. Students picked up their schedules/invoices on campus and paid tuition and fees.

The second phase will be implemented during the summer quarter. Students will be able to charge tuition to appropriate accounts and schedules/invoices will be mailed to students. Prerequisite and corequisite checking will be added to the system during this phase. The system will be available for an extended time--May 17-21 and May 24, 25 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Target groups such as graduating students, athletes, and last quarter transferring students will be allowed to register first, followed by other currently enrolled students. The final phase will be implemented during the fall quarter with a graduation audit component being added to the above features. System availability will be extended to include weekends.

The SCC Student Government Association sponsored a "Name the System Contest" as a way of promoting the new system. Kristi Coons, a second quarter student working on a degree in Elementary Education, was the winner of the contest. Her entry and the official name of the telephone registration system is "STAR", which stand for Shoals Telephone Alternative Registration.





## Beth Butler Receives Chancellor's Award

Elizabeth "Beth" Butler, graphic designer at Calhoun Community College, was selected to receive the 1992-93 Chancellor's Award for Support Staff Member of the Year. Ms. Butler was recognized for the honor during an awards luncheon held during the 1992 annual conference of the Alabama College Association (ACA), conducted in November at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham.

As graphic designer for Calhoun since 1983, Ms. Butler is responsible for designing brochures, catalogs, flyers, schedules, and other print media for the college. In addition to her work for Calhoun, Ms. Butler is often called upon by other educational institutions and businesses for her artistic and creative skills, and has designed several publications for the Department of Postsecondary Education and Athens State College, as well as creating the design for the statewide newsletter of the two-year college system. For her efforts, Ms. Butler was chosen from among the 500 employees at Calhoun to receive the college's 1992 Service Award and won three Pyramid Awards this year from the Alabama College

System Public Relations Association.

While employed at Calhoun, Ms. Butler has continued her formal education, earning an associate's degree in graphic design in 1990. She is currently enrolled in classes at Athens State College, with plans to earn a bachelor's degree.

Commenting on Ms. Butler's honor, Calhoun President Richard Carpenter said, "Beth exemplifies the qualities of excellence and professionalism in her responsibilities at Calhoun. She is extremely artistic and innovative, and her attitude and work ethic are unmatched. We are indeed proud of Beth for receiving this most deserved honor."

Final selection of Chancellor's Award recipient was made by staff of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD), located at the University of Texas at Austin.

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## SCC Faculty & Staff Scholarship Established

The Shoals Community College Foundation, Inc. announces that the faculty and staff of SCC have provided funds, through contributions to the President's Club, to endow a scholarship.

Dr. Larry McCoy, President, stated, "I am very pleased with the response our faculty and staff have given to the President's Club and what better investment for these contributions than to fund a scholarship which will provide financial assistance to area high school students who wish to further their education in order to have a more productive life."

The scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduating senior in the Shoals Community College service area who has indicated a strong interest in furthering his or her education and may not qualify for other financial assistance.

The scholarship will pay for 12 credit hours per quarter for the fall, winter, and spring quarters during the student's freshman year at SCC.

## Phillips Serves on National League for Nursing Board

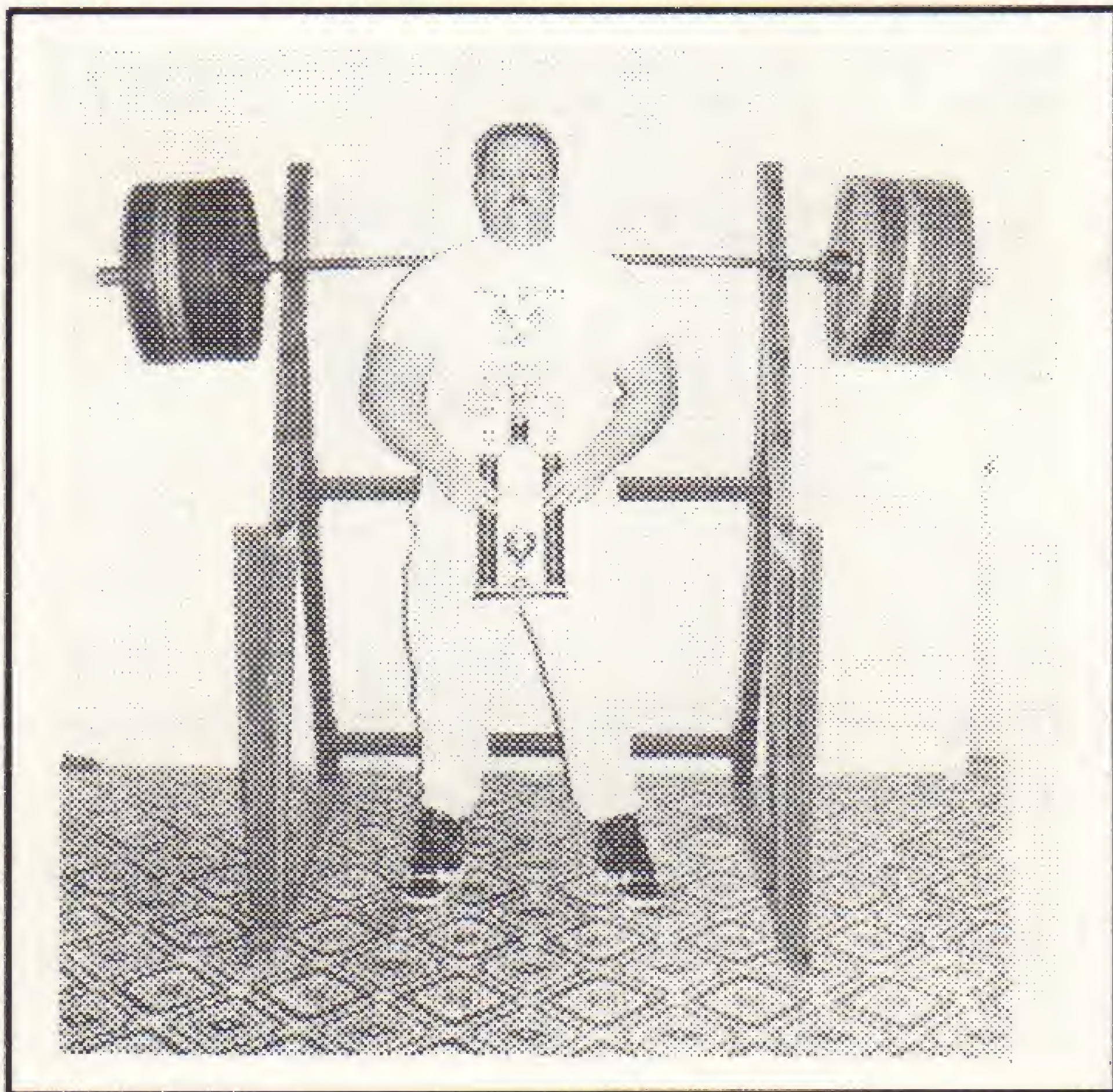
Ms. Bobbye Phillips, multi-talented nursing educator, has been active for many years in local, state, and national nursing activities promoting quality education in the field of practical nursing.

Phillips is a member of the National League for Nursing (NLN) Board of Review and Appeals and has served as a program evaluator on many NLN accreditation reviews for those schools voluntarily seeking accreditation by the National League for Nursing.

Ms. Phillips' role with the NLN is three-fold: 1) as a program evaluator, 2) as a member of the Board of Review and Appeals which meets at the NLN headquarters in New York City to review and give ap-

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## Upton Wins Collegiate National for Snead College

Each year, college students push their bodies to the limit hoping to win the USPF Collegiate National Powerlifting Championship, the top competition for college students. This year, Howard Upton's dreams came true.

Upton has represented Snead State Community College for the past two years at the state level. Both years he came home with the super heavyweight title.

As the 1992 state champion, Upton represented Snead College in the 1993 national competition held in Boston, Massachusetts. He competed against full-time students across the United States.

Upton walked away with the national title after squatting 740 pounds, bench pressing 451 pounds, and deadlifting 551 pounds. According to Upton, who holds the state record for squatting 820 pounds in January, 1993, his performance was "a little below my best...because of an abdomen injury suffered during warm-up."

By winning the Men's Superheavy Weight Class of the 1993 USPF Collegiate National Powerlifting Championship, Upton was named a "Collegiate All-American." He will be featured in the magazine *Powerlifting U.S.A.*

Upton, a Guntersville resident, juggles a family, career, and competition. Upton graduated from Snead State Community College this past quarter with an Asso-

ciate of Science degree. He plans to transfer to Athens State to complete his secondary education degree. According to Upton, who plans to teach English and history, he wants to "teach first and coach second." He is married to Andrea Upton, and he has two children, Brady and Courtney.

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proval for those programs meeting accreditation standards, and 3) as presenter. Ms. Phillips has presided at several meetings and conventions, the next of which will be October 15 in San Juan, Puerto Rico." My involvement with the League has been so enriching. It has enabled me to gain in-depth knowledge about what nursing is accomplishing throughout the nation," stated Ms. Phillips.

Under Phillips' outstanding leadership, the Northwest Practical Nursing Program has maintained one of the highest passing rates in the state and was one of the first practical nursing programs in the state to receive accreditation by the National League for Nursing. "The experiences and information gathered through these activities are shared with faculty in evaluation of our own program at Northwest," stated Ms. Phillips.

## Bessemer State Student Brings Home the "Gold"

Dean Kogelschatz of Birmingham brought home the "Gold" in the twenty-fifth college-level Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) State Leadership Conference and Alabama Skill Olympics.

Kogelschatz took first place in the state air conditioning and refrigeration competition. He will represent Bessemer State Technical College at the national competition starting June 21. The National Skill Olympics will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. His instructor, Mr. Clifford Ray, will accompany him to Kentucky.

## Sears, Roebuck & Co. awards BSTC Student Scholarship

Sears, Roebuck and Company has awarded Gregory Stephens, a student at Bessemer State Technology College a \$1,000 Sears/Craftsman Race for the Future Scholarship. The award may be used to pay for tuition, fees, books and/or supplies.

Sears also donated a 117-piece tool set with case to the college in recognition of its support of the "Race for the Future" scholarship program.



## Snead Alumna Named Alabama Poet of the Year

The 1993 Alabama Poet of the Year has been chosen, and she is one of Snead's very own. Mrs. Estel Mullinax Dodd, Snead class of 1953, received this honor shortly after her new book of poetry, "Sunlight and Shadows" was published.

Dodd's book is an unexcepted look at sunlight and shadows. Dodd describes her book as "introspective, dealing a lot in realism." She adds that her poetry has some religious overtones but is not religious in nature.

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## Dodd

For most people, sunlight creates feelings of happiness—a child jumping rope or birds singing. Shadows create a sense of darkness and deception. Dodd does not hold to this common belief.

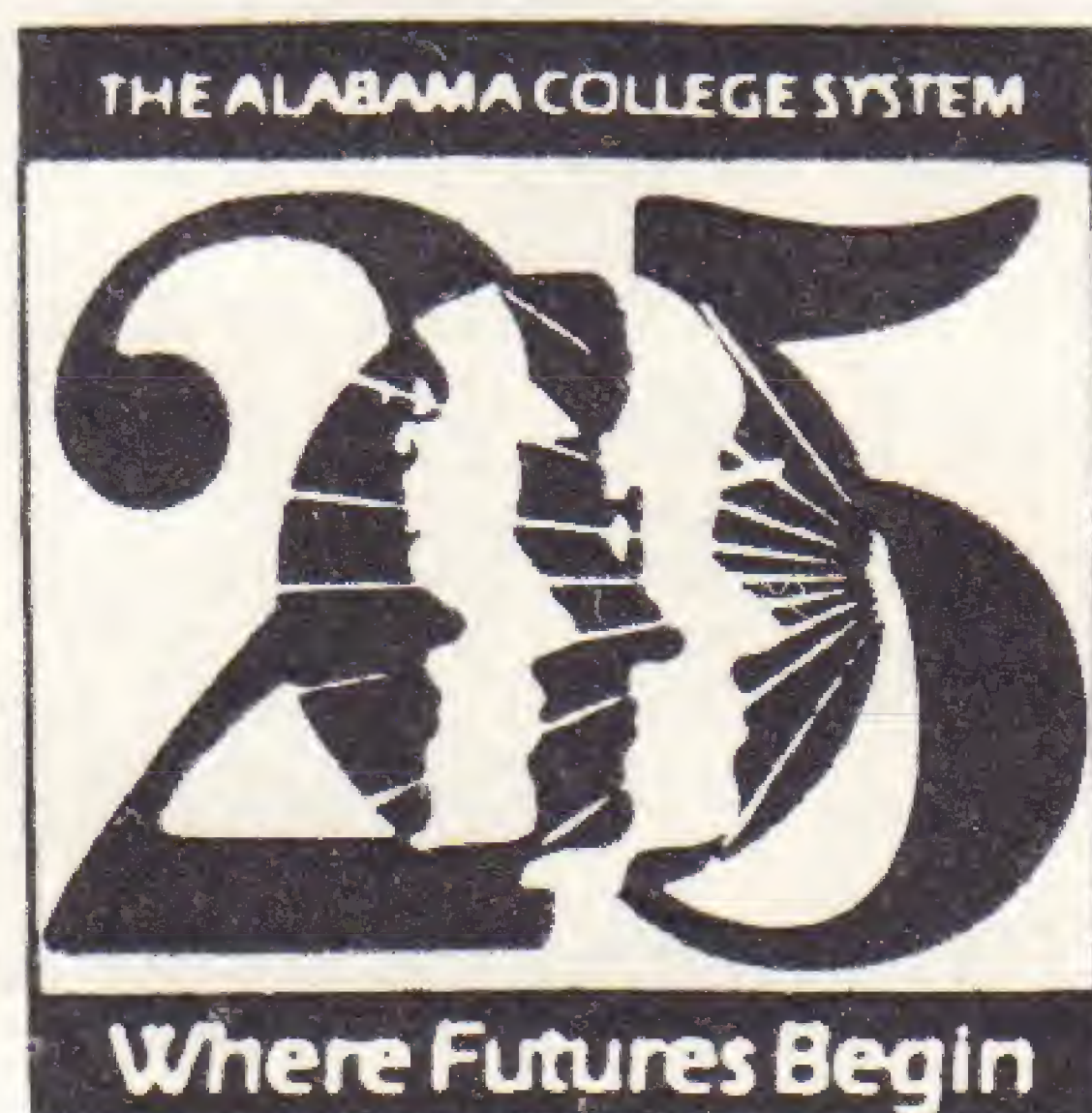
Dodd believes that sometimes sunlight brings sadness and shadows bring comfort. According to Dodd, "The harsh, glaring light of reality exposes things one might want hidden, and shadows cover uncertainties you might be unwilling to share with the world." She continues by describing sunlight as something "harsh and demanding."

Dodd has always loved literature. As a student at Snead State, Dodd served as the literary editor of the student newspaper, *The Chimes*. After graduating from Snead in 1953, Dodd continued her education at Birmingham Southern.

Dodd taught elementary school for twenty-three years, seventeen years at Joppa and the remaining years at Arab. In 1990, she was selected to "Who's Who Among American Teachers".

Upon retirement, Dodd set out to complete her life-long work. After two years, the 183-paged collection of poetry became a reality.

Dodd's book, which has been recognized by two poet laureates of Alabama, can be purchased in Huntsville at Books-A-Million, Baptist Books and Supply, Andan's Bookland, or Fleming's Bookstore. Mrs. Dodd returned home to Snead for Homecoming, 1993 on May 1 for a special book signing for alumni.



## AATC Receives Equipment From Northwest Airlines

Northwest Airlines presented Alabama Aviation & Technical College with a fully functional jet engine thrust reverser valued at more than \$80,000. The device was converted into a training aid for use in the classroom by four AATC alumni who are currently employed by Northwest Airlines in Atlanta. They are Michael Burke (1983), Edward Lowe (1982), Quinton Hines (1965), and Ernest Kiss (1981). Their supervisor, Mr. Larry Freeman, also contributed his time to support the project.

Students enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Program will be required to use the training aid in order to complete FAA licensing requirements. According to Mr. Bob Lee, the AATC instructor who will use the equipment in a practical lab setting, "We've needed a piece of equipment like this. It's one thing to read about the theory in a book, but it means so much more when the students can actually see the equipment function. We will now be able to demonstrate the operation of a thrust reversing system and also show the working component parts of the system."

For almost two years, Northwest and AATC have worked as partners to

strengthen the instructional program. The partnership has been funded, in part, by a grant from the National Science Foundation. Northwest has provided invaluable support in the form of engineering assistance, teaching aids, instructors for classes, publications, videos, software, microfilm and aircraft components. By September 1992, over 300 AATC students and faculty members will have participated in field trips to Atlanta, Georgia, to see first-hand the real world of aviation maintenance at Northwest's DC-9 facility.

## Writers Conference

The Metropolitan Writers Guild hosted its second Writers Conference on the Fairhope campus of Faulkner State April 17, 1993.

Writers and people interested in writing had the opportunity to learn about the craft and the business of writing. A Pulitzer-nominated author as well as an editor, an agent, and two Gulf Coast authors were on hand to offer suggestions and appraisal of works.

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Tom Dupree, senior editor for Bantam/Doubleday/Dell was on hand to review synopses and give comments on a one-to-one basis to local talent. Dupree acquires both fiction and non-fiction, but his emphasis at Bantam has been on frontier and historical fiction.

According to Robert M. Henry, Guild president, "Another benefit to area writers was the addition this year of a literary agent." Evan Fogelman from the Fogelman Literary Agency in Dallas spoke on "Book Publishing Today: The Crossroads of Art and Commerce."

Everyone connected with the Conference came away with renewed vigor and are already making plans to return next year.

## Snead Alumna Named Alabama Junior College Athlete of the Year

By virtue of outstanding accomplishments in two varsity sports during her career at Snead State Community College, Hana Simmons (Fyffe) has been named the Alabama Junior College Athlete of the Year by the Alabama Sports Writers Association. Simmons, who competed in two national tournaments in 1992, played both basketball and softball at Snead College.

As a freshman, Simmons led the Snead College women's basketball team to second place in the 1991 AJCCC/Region XXII Tournament. Simmons proved to be an even greater force during her sophomore season. In 1992 she lead her team to the AJCCC/Region XXII championship and a

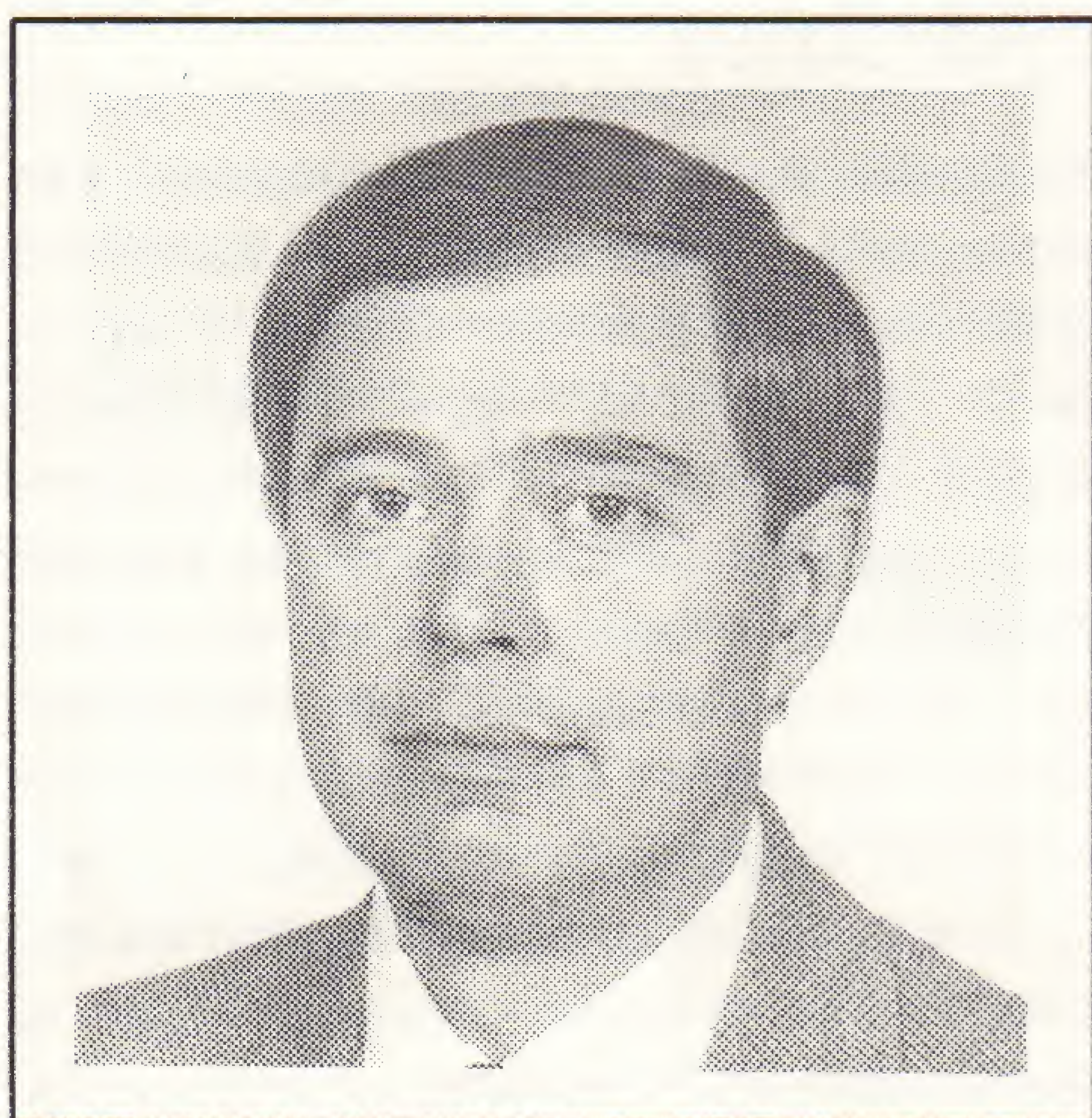
berth in the NJCAA Tournament.

In 1992, Simmons was also selected MVP of the AJCCC Northern Division and MVP of the AJCCC/Region XXII Tournament. Her highest individual honor in 1992 was being named as an NJCAA Second Team All-American in women's basketball.

Simmons demonstrated in 61 games as a starting guard at Snead that she is athletically gifted and a tremendous competitor. According to Dr. David Wilson, Snead Athletic Director, "She exhibits an unusual combination of power and body control. Jana is a constant threat to score

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## Jefferson Davis Faculty Member Appointed Editor



National Community College Month has been a celebration of successes and achievements of the nation's community, junior and technical colleges. On the local level, it has provided an opportunity for Jefferson Davis Community College to highlight its programs, students and faculty.

At the heart of every institution is its faculty, and at the heart of Jefferson Davis is one of the College's most outstanding faculty members, Dr. Mark Reynolds.

Dr. Reynolds has been appointed editor of *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*, a periodical for the two-year col-

lege English teacher as well as for the freshman and sophomore composition teacher in four-year institutions. The Journal focuses on the teaching of composition and literature, and is published four times per year, in February, May, October and December, by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

Reynolds became involved as a member of NCTE in the early 1970's and currently serves on the Editorial Advisory Board to which he was appointed in 1987. The Board is composed of national leaders in the teaching of English in the first two college years and geographically represents the entire nation and the two-year regional conferences. The Board serves as a resource continually tapped for suggestions and knowledge. In addition to serving on the Board, Reynolds has also published articles in the journal, participated in national conferences and received various national committee assignments.

"We are very proud of Mark's accomplishments," says JDCC President Sandra McLeod. "His appointment as editor will focus national attention on our institution. This is one of five journals published by NCTE and the only national publication for two-year English Teachers.

*Teaching English in the Two-Year College* is a very prestigious publication because it is a referred journal with an editorial board."

According to Dr. McLeod, this is the first time in the history of the College, and to her knowledge in the history of the Alabama two-year college system, that a junior college faculty member has been selected as editor of a referred journal.

According to Reynolds, he was asked to apply for the position and was selected as the journal's editor by a national search committee. He will assume this duty in January 1994.

"As editor, I will assume total control of the journal by deciding what makes up each issue and in what order the articles will appear," say Reynolds. "My responsibilities will include reviewing articles and sending selected ones to consulting readers for comments. I will choose consulting readers who have expertise in areas related to the article for their critique. After the articles are reviewed by outside readers, they will be returned to me with comments and suggestions for additional review. At this point, I will contact the author and make recommendations for changes if necessary."

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## Alabama Aviation Wins Alabama Cup & Qualifies for National Competition

The second annual Alabama Invitational was hosted by Alabama Aviation & Technical College on Saturday, February 27. Precision flight teams from Alabama Aviation & Technical College, Auburn University, and the University of Alabama competed in a variety of events including: accuracy landings, written tests, pre-flight inspections, and message drops.

AATC placed first in every event as a team, winning the Alabama Cup trophy for the second year in a row. Individual winners were Doug Whitson (1st - Computer Accuracy, 3rd - S.C.A.N., 3rd - Power on Landings, 1st - Message Drop), Chris Stewart (2nd - Power Off Landings, 1st - Power On Landings), Dan McCollum (2nd - Computer Accuracy, 1st - S.C.A.N.), Fergus Barton (1st - Pre-Flight), Rob Wilson (2nd - Pre-Flight), and Rob Scheetz (1st - Message Drop). The event was judged by instructor pilots from Flight Safety International and UNC Helicopters.

The AATC Precision Flight Team members are Marlon Brose (Captain), Doug Whitson, Chris Stewart, Robert Scheetz, Robert Wilson, Dan McCollum, Pedro Vasquez, and Fergus Barton. In April, the AATC Precision Flight Team will be competing in Killeen, Texas at the National

SAFECON. This national competition will cover more events than the Alabama Invitational. AATC will be the first two-year college from Alabama to go to a National SAFECON.

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either by driving to the basket or by shooting from three-point range."

Simmons led the Snead women's softball team to a second place finish in the 1992 AJCCC/Region XXII softball tournament and Snead's first trip ever the NJCAA Tournament. As a freshman and again as a sophomore, she was selected for both the All-State and the All-Region softball teams.

Simmons received a scholarship to play basketball at Jacksonville State University. She is now starting at guard for JSC and is a key member of the successful women's basketball program there.

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Reynolds stated that the most exciting aspect about his appointment will be the opportunity "to increase two-year college professionalism." "So many times the

attitude among two-year college instructors is that they are here only to teach and that no one really cares about what they say or do. My goal is to convince them that they can make a difference and be of assistance to others."

"Dr. McLeod has made an institutional commitment by agreeing to provide me with release time, hiring a full-time editorial assistant and establishing a fully equipped journal office," says Reynolds. "I am grateful to Dr. McLeod for her support and commitment."

After a two-year period, Reynolds will be evaluated by a national committee which will assess the journal and his work. Upon completion of his four-year term and contingent upon a satisfactory evaluation, Reynolds may accept an additional term of three years if he so desires.

## Tech Graduate Named Outstanding College Student

Harriet Perez of Bessemer has been named the 1993 Outstanding College Student by the Alabama State Council on Vocational Education.

Ms. Perez graduated spring quarter from Bessemer State Technical College. She earned her Associate Degree in Office Administration. Ms. Perez's other honors include the 1992-93 Professional Secretaries International (PSI) Scholarship. PSI awards the scholarship to students with exceptional grades, attendance and attitude. She was also selected to represent the college as a Student Ambassador and has been recognized for her work in Collegiate Secretaries International, a student organization.

Prior to her achievements as a student at Bessemer State Tech, she was a yeoman in the U.S. Navy, where she distinguished herself with two Navy Achievement Medals, one good conduct medal and several letters of commendation and appreciation.



## Judy Merritt to Serve on Biotech Task Force



Judy Merritt, president of Jefferson State Community College, has been appointed to serve on a state Biotechnology

Task Force. The Task Force will explore the potential in this field for entrepreneurs and industries throughout the state.

Jefferson State has also been chosen to develop one of five Centers of Technical Excellence in the state of Alabama. Jefferson State's new center will focus on the emerging field of biotechnology.

The Centers of Technical Excellence are the products of an alliance among the State Board of Education, the University of Alabama System, and the non-profit Economic Development Partnership of Alabama. Each of the five centers will focus on a different kind of specialized high-tech training. Two-year institutions were chosen to house the centers because they already integrate academic and technical training.

The center slated for Jefferson State will develop an education and training program for biotechnology, a field which employs living organisms or their derivatives to produce or modify products, to improve plants or animals, or to develop microorganisms for specific uses. With help from a state-wide biotechnology development group, Jefferson State will develop a curriculum, hire new personnel with expertise in biotechnology, and build new facilities to house the training program. Most of the funding for this center will come from private enterprise, with the state providing about \$300,000 per center this year. Jefferson State will not be asked to make significant financial contributions.

## Bevill State Upward Bound Students Selected to National Student Leadership Congress

Two participants of the Bevill State Community College Upward Bound project have been selected to represent the state as two of 100 delegates to the National Student Leadership Congress.

Jeremy Pitts, a senior at Sulligent High School, and Michael Smith, a senior at Lamar County High School, were chosen from a large number of applicants to attend the conference, Robert L. Smith, Jr., the National Student Leadership Congress Chair announced.

The two young men will be staying on the campus of American University from June 19 through June 24 as participants in the conference. Both students were nomi-

nated by the Bevill State Project Director.

The purpose of the event is to establish a national network of emerging leaders from among the student populations served by TRIO Programs, as well as to develop service-oriented leaders, empowered and skilled to serve their communities and their nations.

The six-day experience will introduce students to elements of effective leadership through a wide array of workshops and sessions with policy-makers and educational leaders. Participants will also meet with members of Congress, and provide input in a Congressional Hearing.

## 'Broaden Scope,' Speaker Urges PTK

A college teacher who says she is "from the Civil Rights Movement of the '60," recently told the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Wallace College to make a conscious effort to broaden the scope of their organization. "Ask yourself 'What can I do to draw in others?'" Mrs. Louise Brimmer said.

Mrs. Brimmer has traveled widely as a military wife, she told the group. "This is the greatest country in the world. If you don't believe it, just leave for a while. You will come back and kiss the ground. We have problems in this country, but at least we are trying."

"The only difference in Alabama and Europe is the accent," she stated. "This country is changing drastically. In some parts of Florida, you must speak Spanish to survive. On the East Coast, culture from Asia is taking over. You want to be aware of the changes which are taking place. That is why we hear the call for diversity and not just black and white."

She urged the PTK students to welcome and even seek out minority members and to learn more about the many cultures which differ from their own.

## CASE Scholarship Recipient

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District III has awarded a scholarship through its Advancement Newcomers Leadership Development Program (ANLDP) to Louise B. Lewis, Title III Coordinator, Shelton State Community College, Fredd State Campus. The ANLDP Scholarship will assist in the development of long-term leadership in

CASE through a planned program of professional development. Mrs. Lewis recently completed the first phase of the program at the CASE District III Annual Conference, which was held February 14-17, 1993, at the Atlanta Hilton. The year of institutional advancement training will include a district mini-conference, a national conference, and a mentorship program.



## Hammond Endowment Established

A permanent endowment fund was established on January 4, 1993 at Faulkner State Community College, by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hammond, in honor of their late son Dr. Vinson Hammond, who died on January 27, 1992. The fund will be known as the Vinson Hammond Endowment Fund for Music Scholarship, and will become effective for the upcoming 1993 Fall quarter.

The perpetual scholarship is designed to serve as a full two-year music scholarship for a piano student at FSCC. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond have specified that the selection of the student will be made by members of the music faculty, and the scholarship will be used by the student for tuition, books, and fees.

"Faulkner greatly appreciates the Hammond's generosity, as well as, their dedication and service to the college throughout the years that they were employed here," said Gary Branch, President of FSCC. "I think it's a wonderful way to have a living memorial to Vince and his talents, and although Vince's talents will be sorely missed, this is a way to continue to encourage music students as Vince did throughout his life."

Dr. and Mrs. James Coats, who are colleagues and neighbors of the Hammonds, said that Vinson loved children. "He taught Dustin Hoffman's little boy at a New York City school of music and art for children," said Mrs. Coats. "He loved playing in Harlem...he thought you should play where you were needed."

Vinson Hammond established a multi-faceted career which consisted of solo, as well as, chamber music performances. As a soloist, he was heard throughout the United States and Europe and was featured with many orchestras including the New Orleans Philharmonic and the Manhattan and Aspen wind symphonies. He also performed more than 50 concerts a year as a founding member of the Royale Trio. He played in such prestigious places as Carnegie Hall and Merkin Concert Hall. He appeared on numerous television shows ranging from NBC's *Today Show* to MTV (music televi-

sion) to *Sesame Street*. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Manhattan School of Music, where he also was a former faculty member. From 1986-87, he was an artist-in-residence for the State of Alabama, and in 1988 he went on to serve as an artist-in-residence at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Vinson was a noted teacher, chamber music coach, and lecturer on contemporary piano techniques. In 1986, Dr. Hammond became a member of the Aspen School faculty, where he frequently concertized and collaborated in master classes with flutist James Gallaway.

Jay Qualey, a local artist and friend of the Hammond's wrote a poem in honor of Vince;

### ***"THANK YOU!, JENNY & HUBERT"***

*God gave to you a priceless gift-  
your own begotten son-  
And As He shared His love with you,  
Vince shared with everyone  
from Bay Minette to Europe,  
to Denver, Harlem, the Southwest,  
Each gift that God, through you, had  
nurtured,  
each one that shows how blessed  
We all are that you loved him so,  
how blessed we are you helped him grow  
in talent and ability,  
in so astonishing versatility,  
in humor and humility!  
For Vince brightened our world  
and his shining memory always will!  
Thank God he was God's gift to you  
for you do share him still!*

Tax-deductible contributions may be added to the endowment fund by family and friends of Vinson Hammond. People who want to contribute can send a check to: The Faulkner State Foundation Fund c/o Faulkner State Community College, 1900 Highway 31 South, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507.

Please make checks payable to the Faulkner State Foundation Fund.



## Snead Alumna Named One of the Top Best Public Speakers in America

It has been years since anyone representing the state of Alabama, has been selected as one of the ten best public speakers in America. But this year Donna Bodine of Guntersville, ended that trend. By winning the state competition, Bodine was selected to represent Alabama in the 1993 Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) competition.

Bodine has competed for three years at the state level. In 1989, she was third runner; in 1990, first runner; and state champion this year. Because of her position as State Recording Secretary of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Bodine did not compete in 1991.

As the individual Developmental Vice-President of the Guntersville Chapter, Bodine recruits and selects contestants for the state competition. She firmly believes that she should be willing to do what she asks others to do. For this reason, Bodine re-entered the state competition in 1992.

Bodine received her Associate of Science degree from Snead College in 1988 and her bachelors degree from Jacksonville in 1990. She recently received a promotion. She is the Office Manager of CableSouth in

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## Chancellor Speaker for 1993 Commencement at Gadsden State Community College

The Chancellor of The Alabama College System delivered the address at the Gadsden State Community College annual commencement ceremony Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m. in Wallace Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Fred Gainous was appointed Chancellor in March of 1988 and came to Alabama from St. Petersburg Junior College in Florida where he was Associate Vice President. His goal of making The Alabama College System one of the leading two-year college systems in the nation is shared by state and community college leaders and has gained widespread and active support of businesses and industries across the state.

In order to position Alabama's community, junior and technical colleges to play a vital role in economic development, many changes have taken place, including strengthening faculty credential standards, enhancing curricula and encouraging all technical colleges to seek accreditation with the Commission on Colleges. Efforts to forge a unified community college system include comprehensive institutional man-

agement planning, development of a management information system and merger of 19 colleges into 9 comprehensive community colleges.

Colleges have been encouraged to expand their efforts to assist in the state's economic development efforts and in a reaffirmation of the community college philosophy, including commitment to affordability, accessibility and quality.

Many different forums are used by the Chancellor to bring the message of the Alabama College System's success to state, regional and national audiences. He has met with the largest newspapers in the state and is now planning visits to four major market areas of the state concerning selling Alabama jobs.

Dr. Gainous has made presentations to the Appalachian Regional Conference, Leadership 2000, National Education Association, American Association of Community Colleges and local Rotary, Kiwanis and other civic organizations in most communities in Alabama. He holds a doctorate

of education degree and an educational specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Florida. He received his master's degree from the University of Florida in 1972 and his bachelor's degree from Florida A & M University in 1969 in agricultural education.

He came to Alabama with over 15 years of comprehensive community college experience in Florida and Kansas. At the Florida State Department of Education, he served as coordinator of occupational programs and as educational information center director. He was assistant commissioner for community colleges and vocational education with the Kansas Department of Education.

A reception for the graduates and their families and friends was held in the College Cafeteria between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. before the commencement exercises.

Dr. Clifton Osborn, dean of instruction, presented the graduates and Dr. Victor Ficker, GSCC president, conferred the degrees.

## Bodine

Albertville.

She credits her success in part to the instructors at Snead College. According to Bodine, "JoAnn Strange, Marty Bryson, Carol Cranford, Glenn Maze, Melinda Kitchens, and Cynthia Denham really influenced me. They always believed in me." Being the mother of twin sons, Brad and Chad, Bodine's goal is to use her public speaking talent to "let young people know they can do anything they want to do."

**ACA Conference  
November 21-23**

## New Women's Organization Forms on Jefferson State Community College



Jefferson State Community College has formed a local chapter of the American Association of Women in Community

Colleges (AAWCC). According to Dr. Cathy McDonald, a Jefferson State administrator who was instrumental in forming the new chapter, the association promotes the interests of women in the two-year college system. However, men are also invited to join the organization because it offers professional development activities as well as national and regional conferences.

Officers in the new local chapter are all faculty or staff at Jefferson State. They include (L to R): (Seated) Connie Beddingfield, vice-president/president-elect and Linda Phillips, president; (Standing) Le Ann Little, secretary; Susie Sangster, treasurer; and Linda Hooten, parliamentarian.



## Kubiszyn Named Communicator of the Year

Lucy Kubiszyn, director of Marketing and Communication for Shelton State Community College, was recently named 1992 Communicator of the Year, District II, National Council of Marketing and Public Relations. (NCMPR)

NCMPR, an affiliate council of the American Association of Community and Junior colleges, consists of over 1300 members who are employed by two year colleges across the United States. District II is composed of colleges in eleven southern states. Mrs. Kubiszyn will compete for the national title against representatives of the other six districts in the U.S. at the NCMPR national conference next month in San Antonio, TX.

In addition to her responsibilities at the college, Mrs. Kubiszyn directs the Shelton State Foundation. She was the first president of the Alabama College System Public Relations Association and continues to serve on the Executive Committee. She has also served as editor of the ACA Journal. Mrs. Kubiszyn has been involved with NCMPR since 1985. She has served as Director of District II and was national secretary for the organization for two years. She is currently a member of the executive committee for District II and last year was named to NCMPR's national editorial board.

She is currently president of the Tuscaloosa Preservation Society and chaired the Advisory Committee for the Salvation Army last year. She was a commissioner for

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Some of Jefferson State's award-winning Phi Theta Kappa members include (L to R): Michael Carter, Dawn Edmondson, Advisor Dr. Janice Rogerts, Patsy Rose, Advisor Dr. Jo Marshall, Jeromy Lambert, and Martha Jones.

## Janice Roberts Named Mosal Scholar & PTK Chapter Sweeps Awards at Convention

Phi Theta Kappa advisor Dr. Janice Roberts was named a Mosal Scholar at the PTK national convention recently held in Dallas. The honor carries with it a stipend for advanced study in the field of her choice. She plans to use the award for advanced work in the emerging field of biotechnology. PTK advisor Dr. Jo Marshall is also a former Mosal Scholar; no other chapter has ever had both its advisors win this prestigious award.

The audience at this year's Phi Theta Kappa national convention heard the refrains of "O Susanna" more times than they could count. That was the theme song given the Alabama delegation, and the band

struck up the tune each time an Alabama chapter won an award. Many of those Alabama awards went to Jefferson State's Pi Pi chapter.

Jefferson State was named a Five-Star Chapter and won the Beta Alpha Continued Excellence designation for the second year. Pi Pi also received the scholarship award for its comprehensive program focusing on academics, and an Honorable Mention for the Freeman Science award.

Pi Pi Chapter president Patsy Rose was named Distinguished Chapter President and the Alabama region, under regional leadership of Dr. Jo Marshall, was named Distinguished Region.

## Mobile Literacy Training Unit

Over \$95,000 was raised by area companies to fund a mobile literacy training unit for Bessemer State Technical College's Adult Basic Education program. The mobile unit will be approximately 35 feet long and will be equipped with ten personal computer training stations, two VCRs and monitors, and generators for power at remote training sites.

The Economic Development Part-

nership and the Alabama Power Foundation provided a \$50,000 grant for the project and the remaining funds were contributed by Bessemer Electric Company/TVA, The Birmingham Post-Herald, Hanna Steel, Southtrust Bank, Vulcan Materials, Sloss Industries, ABC Rail Corporation, Blue Circle Cement, Brunos, Inc., Central Bank, Ebsco Industries, First Federal Savings and Loan, Jefferson Real Estate, Koppers Indus-

tries, Long-Lewis Ford, SMI Steel Company, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, Fluid Power Systems, National Bank of Commerce, The Rotary Club of Bessemer, Self Industries, Elk Corporation and the Birmingham Southern Railroad.

The unit will be used for on-site employee literacy training in math and communications skills.



## "Grass-roots Effort"

**SUMITON** - A "grass-roots effort" to enhance the partnerships between business and industry and the educational system has been greeted with an aura of enthusiasm.

More than 20 local business and industry leaders recently gathered on the Walker campus of Bevill State Community College to discuss methods of assistance for education personnel. The meeting marked the official kickoff of the "Adopt-A-Counselor" Program.

Through the project, each guidance counselor from the Walker County, Jasper City, and Carbon Hill City school systems will have a business, industry, or health service representative to serve as a resource person for the promotion of Tech Prep within the school systems.

Jim McGriff, manager of Alabama Power Company's Dora office, has played an instrumental role in the development of the "Adopt-A-Counselor" Program.

"This is a grass-roots effort to provide support to the local school systems, with particular emphasis being placed on their Tech Prep initiatives," McGriff said. "Through one-to-one contact between business professional and the guidance counselors, we hope to strengthen the partnerships between business and education."

The Tech Prep initiative began in Walker County in 1989. Since that time, Bevill State has assisted in the implementation of the curriculum in all three secondary school systems in Walker County. By the end of the current school year, funds from grants secured by Bevill State and placed within the local school systems will total approximately \$200,000.

According to Bevill State Assistant Dean of Instruction and Tech Prep Director, Dr. James Wade, all three school systems have implemented Tech Prep, including new courses such as Principles of Technology (Applied Physics), Applied Mathematics, Applied Communications, and Applied Biology/Chemistry.

McGriff, who has worked closely with Tech Prep initiatives from his business and industry role, believes the success of the

new course of study will rely on the work of the school systems' guidance counselors.

"The guidance counselors are, in essence, the salespeople for the Tech Prep initiative. We are committed to this course of study, but we are dependent upon the counselors to convince the students of its value," McGriff said. "The counselors need support, and through the Adopt-A-Counselor Program, business and industry has the opportunity to be at the point of need."

The overall goal of the adoption program is to support the Tech Prep curriculum for secondary education students and increase the graduation rate in Walker County, thereby producing better prepared students for the local job market. While the goals of the program are clearly defined, the methods by which adopters may reach its objectives are not limited by specific guidelines.

"We have an outstanding group of adopters who are eager to assist in this program. The last thing we want to do is limit this group with specific applications by which the adopters can provide assistance," McGriff said.

## Kubiszyn

six years for District 6 on the Women's Commission for the City of Tuscaloosa. She also chaired a Child Care Advisory Committee for the City. She is a former president of the West Alabama Women's Health Forum.

She is a graduate of Leadership Tuscaloosa and served on the Leadership Tuscaloosa Steering Committee. She currently serves on the Chamber's Adopt-A-School Steering Committee. She is also a member of the board of Directors for the Women's Division of the Chamber. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama, receiving her BS and MA degrees from the institution. She is married and has five children. The Kubiszyn's are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church



## Patsy Rose: Award-Winning PTK President

"I always said the shortest person in my house would be my first priority," says Patsy Rose, mother of two, soon to graduate from Jefferson State. Since her sons Jordan and Matthew have grown taller than she is, it's been Patsy's turn to do something special for herself. That "something special" has turned out to be a hectic but rewarding stint as a full-time student, a part-time librarian at the Springville Road library, and president of Jefferson State's academic honorary Society, Phi Theta Kappa.

At the Phi Theta Kappa national convention in Dallas last month, Patsy was named Distinguished Chapter President. She is the first Jefferson State student ever to receive this award. Patsy also received Honorable Mention for the Academic All-American Team for Community, Technical, and Junior Colleges. *USA TODAY* is a funding sponsor for the Academic All-American team and announced all winners, including Patsy, in its April 29 issue.

At 40, Patsy is making up for lost time on the academic front. She postponed college while her sons were small. "Once we made the last payment to the orthodontist, we knew it was time to start funneling that money into my college fund," she says. Her husband of 24 years was supportive

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## Reid Named "Most Outstanding" Snead Student

Kristi Elaine Reid, Oneonta, has been selected as the 1993 Most Outstanding Student at Snead State Community College. Kristi was chosen from a field of thirteen students nominated by the faculty and administration. She was selected on the basis of her overall GPA, college activities and honors, community activities, and a written statement explaining why she chose to attend a community college.

Reid, a Snead sophomore, is active in a variety of campus organizations. She is currently serving as the Student Government Association President and as a Snead Ambassador. She is also very active in the Baptist Campus Ministry at Snead.

Besides maintaining an active leadership role at Snead, Kristi has also excelled academically. She is a member of Phi Eta Kappa, a national honor society. Attending Snead on an academic scholarship, she has been recognized for three quarters on the Snead State Community College President's List and two quarters on the Dean's List. She has also been named as a USA All-American Scholar and to the National Dean's List.

Reid is very active in her community. She has volunteered her time to the American Red Cross, the Center for Abused Children, summer missions program, recycling programs, and to her church.

The daughter of Ellis and Marilyn Reid, Kristi will be recognized at the May 13 meeting of the State Board of Education for her outstanding academic achievement and college involvement. She plans to transfer to Auburn University and complete her degree in Health Services Administration.

The finalists for the Most Outstanding Snead Students were: Jason Amos (Boaz), majoring in engineering; David Bailey (Albertville), secondary education; Tami Boettcher (Boaz), music performance; Chuck

Burgess (Albertville), engineering design technology; Belinda Freeman (Crossville), secondary education; Michael Shannon Hall (Boaz), electronic engineering technology; Walter Heflin (Guntersville), data processing technology; Farri Morton (Arab), veterinary technology; Jason Norris (Collinsville), pre-law; Kelli Osborne (Oneonta), pre-pharmacy; Melanie Smith (Boaz), pre-medicine; and Melissa Scott (Horton), nursing.

programs were represented.

Students presented the prospective employers with one or two page resumes which will be placed on file with the company. "The resumes will help students get their foot in the door and possibly be invited to interview with the company upon graduation," explained Smith.

"Landing a job requires good research, people skills, networking and persistence. The Job Fair helped students understand these requirements and actually begin the process of finding that perfect job," said Smith.

## Shelton State's PTK Chapter Receives Five Star Status

Shelton State's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, National community college honorary, received national and international recognition recently.

Shelton's local Alpha Epsilon Lota chapter was named a Five-Star Chapter, the highest recognition awarded by the academic honorary. In addition, the chapter's achievement will also be cited in the 1993 International Awards Program. A special publication honoring the college chapters who have reached the five star goal will be distributed to more than 2500 chapter representatives attending the Phi Theta Kappa Annual International Convention this spring.

The Five Star Chapter Development Program provides every chapter with a guideline for the implementation of specific activities guaranteeing excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship. The program is a ladder of achievement and individual chapters progress through the program. At the Five Star level, PTK chapters emphasize increased international brotherhood, participation, and special service to the college.

Recently, 21 Shelton State students were initiated into the college's PTK chapter. In order to be initiated, students must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.5 or above and have completed 12 semester hours at the college.

## Bessemer State Holds Job Fair

Bessemer State Technical College's Job Fair '93 had over 300 student participants. "The Job Fair allowed students to learn about job responsibilities, preparation, qualifications required, salary expectations and advancement opportunities," explained Sundra Smith, job placement coordinator at Bessemer State Tech.

Over 30 prospective employers participated in the fair and all instructional

## Toyota T-TEN

Toyota T-TEN students, Gregory Stephens and Bradley Stringfellow, are the two highest-scoring students and VICA members in the Southeastern United States. As a result of their strong performance on the T-TEN Performance Event written test, the students and their instructor, AL Blethen, were guests of Toyota in Torrance, California, for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, the first race of the year for 'Indy Cars.'





## Trowbridge National Scholarship Recipient

On March 23, 1993, student Stephen C. Trowbridge was selected as one of four 1992 Helicopter Association International's (HAI) Mechanic/Technician Scholarship Grand Prize Awardees.

As national HAI winner, Mr. Trowbridge will receive scholarships to attend one of American Eurocenter's Field Maintenance Training courses in Grand Prairie Texas and an engine training course offered by Turbomeca Engine Corporation, both of which are valued at approximately \$1,500 each. HAI is providing Mr. Trowbridge \$1,500 to use for travel and accommodation expenses while he attends the courses.

The HAI scholarship program was founded by the HAI Maintenance Technical Committee to promote careers in helicopter maintenance.

Mr. Trowbridge, who was nominated by Alabama Aviation and Technical College Aviation Maintenance Department, was selected by his instructors as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Outstanding Student for his graduating class of November, 1992. He was active in AATC's Chapter of the Professional Aircraft Maintenance Association (PAMA) and he was president of AATC's Chapter of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society. Mr. Trowbridge's future goals include completing a four-year degree in aviation and to pursue a career in rotary wing maintenance.

He is married and has two children.

## Roberson Selected NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship Recipient

Dr. Bobby Roberson, a chemistry instructor at Bevill State Community College in Fayette, has again been selected as a NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship recipient for 1993. Dr. Roberson will return to Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas where he was a participant last summer.

A highly competitive program established last year encouraged selected NASA Fellowship recipients to have applications submitted from excellent students who have strong backgrounds in math and the sciences. Only two undergraduate and two graduate students were selected for this year's program. Out of hundreds of applicants from across the nation, a Purdue University student and a Bevill State student were selected. The Bevill State student was selected upon the recommendation of Dr. Roberson, President Harold Wade, and Senator George Bolling. The student, Chris LeMay, is a sophomore majoring in pre-engineering. He is also a member of the Bevill State baseball team. Chris will assist Dr. Roberson with his project and will also be exposed to all aspects of work being performed at Johnson Space Center. Chris was the 1991 valedictorian of East Lawrence High School. He will enroll in chemical engineering at Auburn University in the fall. Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal

LeMay.

Dr. Roberson and Chris will work in the area of resource recovery from waste materials that are generated in space. His anticipated project is the conversion of paper, cardboard, plastics, inedible plant biomass, and human waste into reusable gases by pyrolysis (heating to 1500 degrees Celsius in the absence of oxygen). A process of this nature will be used when manned bases are constructed on the moon and the planet Mars.

According to Dr. Roberson, "Chris is an excellent student who has been able to maintain a balance between college athletics and academics. I am very proud that Chris has the credentials necessary to survive the rigorous selection process at NASA. I am confident that this summer will be one of the most rewarding periods in Chris's life. He will be exposed to aspects of America's space program that are not often viewed by undergraduate students. He will meet and talk with the astronauts and the leading space scientists in America. The selection of Chris should prove that hard work and diligent study are worth the extra effort required to excel. I am very confident that Chris will represent Bevill State Community College and the Alabama College System well."

## Shelton State receives \$110,000

SSCC recently received notification that the college will receive \$110,000 from the state for access roads to SSCC's proposed campus on Alabama Highway 69 South. Probate Judge Hardy McCollum said the grant, was awarded by the Alabama Industrial Access Bond Authority.

Rick Rogers, assistant to Shelton President Tom Umphrey, said the grant is the first step in a \$30 million building program. The grant will provide access roads to the new college campus on Alabama Highway 69 South.

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when she started back to school, but even he didn't bargain on the demands of her new academic life. "The other night I was working frantically at my word processor, trying to finish a project before we left for the PTK convention," Patsy says. "After several unsuccessful attempts to talk to me, my husband said, 'If I stand up on the coffee table and act like a word processor, will you pay attention to me?'"

She plans to earn a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and then go on for a Master's in Library Science.



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Plans call for hiring an architect to design a master plan in the next few months, Rogers said. Construction of the new campus could begin once federal money and a state bond issue are secured, possibly within two years.

Two campus sites, still in use, on Skyland Boulevard and 15th Street, are being advertised for sale, he said. The sale will not affect the college's water treatment center near Moundville, he said, or the C.A. Fredd campus on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

State Rep. Phil Poole, D-Moundville, said the money was from discretionary funds.



### Grace Kelly Named ACSPRA Communicator of the Year

Grace Kelly, Director of Community Relations for Jefferson State Community College, has been named Communicator of the Year by the Alabama College System Public Relations Association (ACSPRA). The award was presented to Kelly during the Alabama College System conference in Birmingham.

Kelly was recognized for her work this year in promoting Jefferson State's new Shelby County instructional site and for

establishing working relationships with Shelby County business people, educators, and economic development officials. She was also recognized for her work in coordinating an awards program for the regional division of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR).

Kelly began her career as secretary to the Director of Admissions at Jefferson State. She has headed the community relations office for Jefferson State since 1979. She is active in community organizations, including the Eastern Area Chamber of Commerce, the Eastern Area Women's Committee of Fifty, the Pinson Valley Association, and the Center Point Chamber of Commerce. For more than ten years she has coordinated the "Dialogue Days" meetings at Jefferson State, bringing in community leaders to hear presentations on political and social issues of interest in the Eastern area.

Kelly has been named Outstanding Young Career Person by the Roebuck/Center Point Jaycees, Communicator of the Year for the regional chapter of the National Council for Community Relations, and Outstanding Alumna for Jefferson State.

"Grace is a vital part of our community relations effort," says Judy Merritt, president of Jefferson State. "The college's excellent image in the community is a direct result of her tireless work with local civic and professional groups as well as the local media. Her skill in dealing with people and creating win-win situations has forged an outstanding reputation for our community relations office."

### Black Community's Problems Subject of College Symposium

"Facing the Issues in the African-American Community: Let Us Save Our Children," was the subject of a symposium held at Wallace College at Dothan, recently. The Afro-American Club sponsored the program in honor of Black History Month.

Club President David Pearce introduced the featured speakers who were Capt. John White, commander of investigative

services for the Dothan Police Department; Dr. Francina Williams, substance abuse prevention coordinator at Alabama Aviation & Technical College, Ozark; and the Rev. Eddie Thomas, local minister and history teacher at Girard School.

Crack is the drug of choice today and you will see as many whites as there are blacks buying the substance, although there are more black dealers in the crack trade, Capt. White told the group. He showed an 18-minute film which revealed an undercover police officer buying drugs on the streets of Dothan.

"The number one activity of gangs is street sales," the officer said. "Five or six years ago, we began seeing some West Coast gang members in Dothan."

He pointed out that crack, which costs \$3 in Los Angeles, can be sold for \$20 in Dothan. That is why some dealers will get on an airplane, fly to Dothan, turn a quick profit and return to California.

In response to a question regarding the appearance that the Dothan Police Department prioritizes complaints and places less emphasis than they should on alcohol, Capt. White said "Police do respond to citizen complaints," adding that "Yes, law enforcement prioritizes. It has to..."

"We as parents and role models in the community have made the mistake of prioritizing drugs. In that respect, we have placed alcohol at the bottom of the list, characterizing it as least dangerous. For that reason, alcohol use among teenagers is high."

Dr. Williams told the group that cultural factors are at fault. "It depends on what is sanctioned in a community," she said. "We (Blacks) have certain attitudes toward law enforcement due to our history. Law enforcement officers were seen as abusers. We have an attitude of tolerance for illegal behavior because we thought our people would be more abused."

This attitude is hurting the younger generation today, she continued. "I see our people following dysfunctional patterns and then bragging about it! We must learn to back off, analyze the problems, and construct patterns which work."

In the 1920's, the Mafia decided to

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sell drugs in Harlem, Dr. Williams continued. "The tragedy was, we bought them! We were looking for the quick fix, the good feeling. There was much despair. That was history and it still is true in the present. But drugs would not stay in the black community, any more than jazz would..."

"We do not need enemies from without. Our forefathers understood the need for identity, purpose, direction and achievement. The saddest thing for young blacks today is we do not understand who we are."

She noted that her generation was expected to achieve. But today, young blacks identify with low achievement.

Dr. Williams said many of the early achievements in education, medicine, and other fields were made by blacks. "Much that was learned in Europe really came from Africa," she stated.

Dr. Williams pointed out that color is not a natural bond. "People unite by common interests," she said. "The worst wars have been black on black and white on white..."

"Middle class values are really survival values. Working at a job, pulling together, caring about each other really works! I have chosen to look at life critically, to find as much beauty as I can and to move through life on that track. We must stop defending dysfunction or we are all going down the drain together," she concluded.

In agreeing with Dr. Williams' comment on not defending dysfunction, the Rev. Thomas told the group "There are some people we are going to have to write off. We can lose the next generation trying to save the one that is already lost. This sounds blunt, but tough love can work."

In one sense, Black Americans were losers in the process of integration, Mr. Thomas continued. Schools became less successful in communicating the values needed to succeed. "Twenty years ago, their values were instilled at home and re-enforced at school and in the church," he said. "Today it is home, peer group, television and school. The Church is often not in the

top ten.

"Consequently, many black students are being pressured into 'dumbing down.' They play dumb to be accepted by their peers. Blackness to this group does not include academic excellence. Those who strive for academic excellence run the risk of standing accused of 'trying to be white.' This attitude must be combated and rejected. The Church must help in this effort," he declared.

"Historically, the Black Church has been a major agent of social change. There is little need for Churches which prepare us to walk on streets of gold, while ignoring the conditions on the asphalt. The church must address the total needs of the community and develop programs which motivate its members to succeed and improve the quality of life within the community.

"This must begin on a personal level," he concluded. "Each of us must start with our own family."

## Jeff Noles Named to All-USA Academic Team

Jeff Noles, a student at Southern Union State Junior College in Wadley, has been selected from more than 700 nominations to the prestigious *USA TODAY* Academic All-American Second Team for Community and Junior Colleges. The team's membership represents outstanding academic talent on the nation's two-year campuses.

Jeff shares the second team honor with 19 other two-year college students from across the nation. They, along with 20 first team, 20 third team and four honorable mention members, were recognized in the April 29th edition of *USA TODAY*.

Winners were selected by a panel of educators assembled by Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary society for two-year colleges. Judges considered grades, leadership roles on and off campus, community and public service and academic awards. Much attention was given to a student's essay describing a highlight of the two-year college experience.

Jeff, a public health major from Graham, Alabama, is president of Southern Union's Phi Theta Kappa chapter and is involved in the Student Government Association, College Bowl Team, Interclub Council and College Public Relations Committee. He was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa's Order of the Golden Key.

This is the second consecutive year Southern Union has been represented on the Academic All-American team.

## Respiratory Therapist Teams Win State Awards

Three scholars bowl teams from Wallace College, Dothan took the top awards at the recent state convention of the Alabama Society for Respiratory Therapists.

The faculty team was the over all winner for the third consecutive year. Teams from Wallace College took first and second place honors in the student competition.

Members of the faculty team were Tim Turney, Dothan, Department Chairman; Drayton Odom, Webb, and Eric Sheffield, Colquitt, Ga. The first-place student team included Mavis Carter, Samson; Ricky Lucky, Daleville; Margie Hartzog, Dothan; and Pam Benning, Ft. Rucker. The student team which won second place included Shelley Smith, Blakely, Ga.; Scott Gill, Rehobeth; and Kay Jones, Geneva.







## Family Tradition

When Amy Snell (center) graduated with the Practical Nursing class at Wallace College recently, she was following a family tradition. Watching her receive the cap and pin which are symbols of her profession were her mom, Sharon Snell (left) of Cottonwood, and grandmother, Ollie Rabon, (right) formerly of Webb, both Wallace College graduates. Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Rabon both studied elementary education and went on to become teachers in the Houston County System. Mrs. Snell teaches sixth grade at Cottonwood School. Mrs. Rabon, who is now retired, said "I would tell every young person to go to a small college first. They will get a good background and the teachers will take more time with them."

## Mike Bailey Receives 1993 Distinguished Leadership Award

Mike Bailey, president of Bessemer State Technical College, has received the 1993 Distinguished Leadership Award for Two-Year Colleges. The award was presented jointly on March 10 by the Alabama Association For Women in Education and the Association For Alabama College Administrators.

Dr. Bailey was selected for the award because of his 1992 achievements and service to Bessemer State Tech and to higher education in Alabama. The selection committee cited the college's development of an incubator program for new businesses, its work with the Jefferson County Tech-Prep Consortium, acquisition of a state-of-the-art electronics lab, and construction of

the college's 34,000 square foot Automotive Technology Center as examples of Dr. Bailey's outstanding leadership.

His contributions to higher education include his work with the American Vocational Association as a member of both the Policy Committee for Region II and the Technical Education Division, Executive Committee member of the Alabama Vocational Association's Post-Secondary Section, member of the Personnel Policy Advisory Committee for the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and President of the Iota Lambda Sigma, a professional education fraternity.

Bailey's contributions to the community include being a member of the Board

of Directors and Past President of the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce, member on both the advisory board and the Bio-Medical Ethics Committee for the Bessemer Carraway Medical Center, Ex-officio member of the Bessemer State Technical College Endowment and Trust, member of the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Personnel Committee for the Birmingham Girls Club, and member of Kiwanis Club International.

Dr. Bailey has served as president of Bessemer State Technical College for the past eight years. Bessemer State Tech is Alabama's largest technical college.

## Former Congresswoman Chisholm Addresses Lawson State Graduates

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm delivered a very inspiring message to the the 1993 graduating class of Lawson State Community College. Displaying her trademarks of enthusiasm, vigor and directness, she encouraged and challenged the graduates to "become active in your community to enlighten and uplift. Do not assume that you are powerless - that you cannot make an impact."

Chisholm, who became the first African-American woman to be elected to the Congress of the United States and the first black woman to seek the nation's highest office, referred to pages out of her own life. Imparting philosophies of her life, she said, "There is no time for scapegoating, whining... You must be confident. Give the best that you can at all times for excellence reaps rewards and we expect you to be

excellent."

Chisholm, who holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Brooklyn College, a Master of Arts Degree from Columbia University and honorary doctorates from seventy-five (75) institutions, currently enjoys her semi-retired life style in Florida when not lecturing at educational institutions around the country.





Blackie Scott, Atlanta humorist, talks with friends following the Secretary's Day luncheon at which she was the featured speaker. Left to right are Martha Bell, director of Community Services at Wallace College; Mrs. Scott; and JoAn Avant-Seery of the Professional Network Connection

## Humorist Blackie Scott is Speaker

"Make sure your office is 'user-friendly,' "Atlanta author-lecturer Blackie Scott told a Secretary's Day luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn South in Dothan, AL.

Returning to Dothan by popular demand, Mrs. Scott was the speaker for a meeting of female executives at Wallace College, Tuesday evening and at the Secretary's Day luncheon which was attended by some 80 working women.

"The secretary's role is changing today," Mrs. Scott said. "Many secretaries should really be called executive assistants because of the numerous duties they perform."

She urged those present to share all the good things they can. "The world has too many bad things," she said.

Although she is not a computer expert herself, Mrs. Scott said she likes the term "user friendly" which is applied to some computer programs. The meaning is efficient, predictable and gives friendly responses, a definition which would work well in the entire office, she added.

For a "user friendly" workplace, Mrs. Scott urged her listeners to be nice to people, know what is expected of them and

act in a diplomatic way.

"Learn to get along with people," she said. A team spirit is needed in the office. "We need people to say, 'Go for it!' Remember, just one person can make a difference."

Be a good listener and ask questions about the things you do not understand, the speaker continued. "Communication is the most important thing in any relationship," she insisted.

Diplomacy is also a necessary quality, Mrs. Scott said. "Things are not always going to go smoothly. That's when we must step in and salvage the situation. Keep your cool. It may take longer, but the one who waits it out is usually the winner."

"The secret to success is free," she said. "It lies in your attitude. It takes effort to change habits, but if we truly want to, it can be done. Start today to change your office, your home and your life for the better by being 'user friendly,'" she concluded.

The speaker was introduced by JoAn Avant-Seery. The program was sponsored by Wallace College's Community Service Department and by the Professional Network Connection.

## Alabama Southern Community College's Third Annual Academic Olympics

Thomasville High School, Monroe County High, and Monroe Academy took top honors at Alabama Southern Community College's third Annual Academic Olympics, March 5, 1993, on the Monroeville campus.

Over 620 students from 20 area high schools competed in 20 areas, including literature, biology, physics, math, accounting, computer, and forestry. The entrants can participate in 1, 2, or 3 tests.

In addition, students could submit art portfolios and audition in voice and instrument.

"Through our participation in Academic Olympics we recognize and reward the superior achievements of our high school students. Today we honor you - the best and brightest in southwest Alabama," said John A. Johnson, President of Alabama Southern, in his remarks at the awards ceremony for Academic Olympics. Each first place winner in each area receives a scholarship to Alabama Southern and a gold medal, with second and third places receiving silver and bronze medals, respectively.

The third annual Academic Olympics is a joint effort by Alabama Southern Community College and its local corporate partners: Pepsi Cola, Hardee's of Monroeville and Scott Paper Company. For the 3rd year, Hardee's has been host for the student's lunch, Pepsi Cola has provided drinks for the lunch and break, and for the first time Scott Paper Company's support provided the medals and trophies. "We are grateful to our partners for their help today, but our special thanks goes to all of the high school sponsors and administrators who provide us with such wonderful participants," said Dr. Margaret Murphy, Division Chair of the Department of Fine Arts and the sponsor of Academic Olympics. "We also recognize the entire faculty and staff of Alabama Southern. Everyone on our campus is involved in this project."